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[54]	TOUCH SWITCH	4,056,699 11/1977 Jordan 200/DIG. 1 X
[75]	Inventor: Albert D. Lewis, Toledo, Ohio	Primary Examiner—James R. Scott Attorney, Agent, or Firm—Charles S. Lynch; E. J. Holler [57] ABSTRACT An improved touch actuated capacitance switch. A series of conductive touch pads are formed on one face of a dielectric material substrate plate. The touch pads are deposited by techniques which result in metallic films that are quite sensitive to damage by abrasion. To protect these pads, a protective overcoat is put over each touch pad, the overcoat obscuring no more than about seventy-percent of the total area of the touch pad. On the other face of the substrate plate are adhered a
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS		series of conductive sites, each site being in alignment
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